

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Friday, November 18, 2011

10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: IU Health Methodist Hospital
Pettigrew Auditorium
1801 N. Senate Blvd.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

MEMBERS PRESENT: Charles Valentine (Municipal Fire)
Myron Mackey (EMTs)
Terri Hamilton (Volunteer EMS)
G. Lee Turpen II (Paramedic)
Sue Dunham (Emergency Nurses)
Jane Craigin (Hospital EMS)
Rick Archer (State EMS Director)
Michael Olinger (Trauma Physicians)
Ed Gordon (Volunteer Fire EMS)
Gary Miller (Private Ambulance)
John Zartman (Training Institutions)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Lockard (General Public)
D. William Rutherford (Emergency Physicians)

OTHERS PRESENT: Bruce Bare, Mara Snyder, IDHS Staff

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 10:14 by Chairman Gary Miller, after the annual EMS Memorial for the EMS Community at 10:00.
No action was needed by the Commission. No action was taken.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Commissioner Mackey to adopt the minutes as written. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Craig. Motion passed.

State EMS Director Report

The State EMS Director Rick Archer welcomed Commissioner Zartman to the EMS Commission.

Director Archer gave a status update on the Vision for the Future Report. The report is being reviewed by the executive staff and evaluating how to disseminate the report for the general public's review.

Director Archer gave a report that he attended the National Association of EMS Officials conference in October. At this conference they addressed grant funding options, rural health, NREMT and training institution accreditation, new educational standard implementation, and drug shortages. Richard Reed, Director of Resiliency at the White House was the key note speaker. Mr. Reed stated that the president was prepared to appoint a federal agency by executive order responsibility for EMS at the national level by the end of the year.

Director Archer gave a report that the agency is introducing some cost saving measures due to the requirement to cut expenses another 3% from last year's budget. Consequently, beginning April 1st, 2012, all certification renewals will be done online as part of this cost saving measure.

Personnel Certification Report

Renewed certifications as of September 2011

Basic EMT	324
Advanced EMT	44
EVOC Drivers	103
EVOC Instructors	8
First Responders	86
Paramedics	62
Primary Instructors	2
Intermediate EMT	2
Total	650

STAFF REPORTS:

Staff introduced Pam Stigall, as the Mobile Simulation Lab Technician. She will operate the MSL and travel the state offering this new program to all of the EMS community.

EMS Personnel Waiver Request

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-5-2 (a)(D) deadline for purpose of completing PI testing requirements. Staff recommended approval.

Godbey, Thomas (PI)
Turpen, Annette (PI)

Commissioner Turpen abstained. Commissioner Mackey offered a motion to approve the waivers. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Olinger. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 4-4-3(b) & 4-9-6 (b,2) extension of 6 months temporary certification. Staff recommended approval.

Schuh, Brian (B)
Woods, Dylan M. (P)

Commissioners Turpen and Mackey abstained. Commissioner Olinger made a motion to approve the waiver requests. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Craig. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of the 836 IAC 4-7-2(b,c) to be allowed to challenge the EMT B/A exam to gain certification. Staff recommended approval.

Bobay, Robin S. (B)
Dougal, James H. (B)

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion to approve the waiver request, to allow petitioners to retest and take the practical, as long as they gain affiliation. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Archer. The motion passed.

Provider Waivers

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 2-7,2-3 (d,2,D)Intermediate medication list to include Benadryl, Glucagon & Zofran. Staff recommends approval.

Pike County EMS

Commissioner Olinger made a motion to grant the waiver. Commissioner Mackey seconded. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 2-7,203(d,2,A) to include 12 lead ECG for transmission only. Staff recommended approval.

Pike County EMS

Commissioner Mackey made a motion to grant the waiver. Commissioner Olinger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 1-1-5 (A) Data reporting. Staff recommended approval.

Pike County EMS

Commissioner Gordon made a motion to grant the waiver, for 6 months. Commissioner Valentine seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The following requested a waiver of 836 IAC 2-7.2-1 (g,2&4) requiring an EMT-B or higher. Staff recommended approval.

Pike County EMS

Commissioner Turpen made a motion to grant the waiver, as staff recommended. Commissioner Mackey seconded the motion. The motion passed.

INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

Report submitted for information purposes only:

September Compliance Report (data from July 1 to September 1, 2011)

Investigations

Offender cases reviewed:	53
Certification Denied:	1
Probation:	8
Suspended:	0
Revoked:	2
Personnel Investigations:	7
Provider Investigations:	3
Training Institution Investigations:	1
Supervising Hospital Investigations	0

Compliance

Individual Certification Audits:	87	(25 still pending)
Provider Audits:	4	
Training Institution Audits:	0	
Supervising Hospital Audits:	0	
Incomplete Provider Applications:	17	(10 still pending)
Incomplete TI Applications:	16	(10 still pending)
Incomplete Supervising Hospital Apps:	7	(3 still pending)

No action Required, none taken.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS**Orders Issued**

Order No. 61-2011, Kenneth E. Drexler
No Action Required, none taken.

Order No. 60-2011, Ashley Joanne Banfield
No Action Required, none taken.

Order No. 59-2011, Michael Kennedy
No Action Required, none taken.

Order No. 62-2011, Jenna Bergman
No Action Required, none taken.

Order No. 58-2011, Daniel O'Shaughnessey
No Action Required, none taken.

Order No. 57-2011, Michael C. Lewis
No Action Required, none taken.

Order No. 56-2011, Eric S. Bell
No Action Required, none taken.

Order No. 51-2011, Lawrence Michael Mudd
No Action Required, none taken.

Order No. 33-2011, Jeffery Cantrell

No Action Required, none taken.

Order No. 43-2011, Justin D. Kennedy

No Action Required, none taken.

Order No. 55-2011, Adam Blomquist

No Action Required, none taken.

Order No. 63-2011, Me. Mark Hadhazy

No Action Required, none taken.

Order No. 66-2011, Jeremy R. Martin

No Action Required, none taken.

Order No. 65-2011, Roscoe Meek

No Action Required, none taken.

Appeals

Joseph D. O'Parka

**Commissioner Turpen made a motion to dismiss the appeal.
Commissioner Valentine seconded. Motion passed.**

Administrative Law Judge Decisions

No action needed.

DATA REGISTRY REPORT

- NEMSIS Information; (Indiana On-Line web server)
 - Currently there are 43 Fire and EMS Providers using the system with a total of 15,300 reported incidents,
 - We are currently working with the various software vendors towards Indiana Certification. The vendors had submitted test data; 2 have passed the Indiana requirements as outlined in the 2009 Data Dictionary.
- INDIANA CERTIFIED VENDORS
- Cityscape
- AccuMed
- Once the vendors receive their Indiana Certification, they may announce to their respective providers to contact our office for transmitting (exporting) the data instructions.
- EMS Legacy Information
 - Current stats;

2011 81,190 Incidents	201 Ambulance Providers reporting
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54 BLS non-transport Providers

- INDIANA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

An agreement is being prepared for certain data to be copied and transferred to a restricted server at Health for the purposes of Traffic Safety and patient/hospital studies.

No Action Required, none taken.

TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Report was submitted for informational purposes.

The Technical Advisory committee met on October 4, 2011.

We bid a fond farewell to our friend and colleague John Zartman who has resigned to accept a Commission appointment. The committee awaits the appointment of a new member, one who is representing ALS training instructions. With John's departure, we will hold a special election of the TAC to fill the vice-chair position.

The committee is working on revising the Primary instructor program as the first from the tasks given to the TAC in September.

We are awaiting comments from the community for the Bridge recommendations for the current EMT-Basic Advanced to the NES Advanced course from the course construction committee.

We have been asked to review staffing with four question we will take up at our December 6, 2011 meeting.

The meeting will be held at Noblesville Fire Department **Station 77 15251 Ollo Road Noblesville, Indiana 46060**. Here are the questions as posed to us.

Is the current rule as written based on evidence for best patient care in every local geographic area of Indiana or should it be modified?

With adequate staffing as the consideration, what impact is industry outside of transport EMS having on the number of certified individuals available to transport providers and what economic considerations does this pose to the small, rural, volunteer, or urban provider?

How does rule compliance as written affect the average provider, and ultimately the ALS patient, when during daily operations, and in all good faith, the provider suddenly find themselves unable to meet the letter of the rule due to the unavailability of certified persons as the second staff member?

What rule language (changes), if any, would the TAC recommend to better serve all of Indiana EMS.

EMS FOR CHILDREN

Report Submitted for informational purposes only.
No Action Required, none taken.

TRAUMA COMMITTEE REPORT

No Report Submitted.
No Action Required, none taken.

OLD BUSINESS

Rule Interpretation on Rule 14 – What constitutes an emergency vehicle and needs certified?

Discussion was tabled until staff can review the options and present them to the commission.

Discussion & Possible Adoption of LSA Doc. #10-628

Commission Olinger Made a motion to approve LSA Doc. #10-628, to add provisions concerning trauma protocols for field triage and transportation decision making, as published in the Indiana Register on March 2, 2011, as DIN: 20110302-IR-836100628PRA, as amended by the public comment submitted by Dr. Larkin on November 14, 2011, and as further amended by adding, in the definition of “trauma center”, after “ACS”, the following: , or is in the ACS verification process. Commissioner Craig seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Clarification of Motion on the EMT levels – A certified individual operating at a lower level without being certified at that level.

Discussion was tabled until staff can review the options and present them to the commission

NEW BUSINESS

POLST Presentation

Commissioner Olinger made a motion to endorse the program concept of POLST in Indiana. Commissioner Turpen seconded. The motion passed.

Dr. Olinger will sit on the POLST board as the EMS Commission representative.

CHAIRMAN DIRECTION

The Chairman directed staff to seek public comments on the bridge course program.

The Chairman read for the record the 2012 calendar EMS Commission Meetings.

January 20, 2012

Columbus Regional Hospital
Kroot Auditorium
2400 E. 17th St
Columbus, IN 47201

March 16, 2012

East Street Studios
18880 N. East Street
Westfield, IN 46074

May 18, 2012

IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital
Auditorium
2401 University Ave
Muncie, IN 47303

July 20, 2012

Putnam County Hospital
1542 S. Bloomington St.
Classrooms 1, 2 & 3
Greencastle, IN 46135

September 21, 2012

Brownsburg Fire Territory
470 E Northfield Dr
Brownsburg, IN 46112

November 16, 2012

Noblesville FD
Station 76
16800 Hazel Dell Road
Noblesville, IN 46062

The Chairman directed staff that there will be a EMS Commission Strategy Session held on January 13th, 2012, the location and agenda will be announced.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:18p.m.

Approved _____

Gary Miller, Chairman